



**MINUTES OF THE
MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
January 11, 2017**

I. Call to Order

The meeting of the Maryland Transportation Commission was held on January 11, 2017 at 10:30 AM, in the Board Room of the Maryland Department of Transportation.

II. Roll Call

The following individuals were present:

James A. Calderwood, Chair
Camillo Di Camillo, Member
Jennifer Hill-Leineweber, Member
Elmer E. Horsey, Member
David Lashar, Member
George Littrell, Member
Michael Moore, Member
Frederick C. Payne, Member
Carol Petzold, Member
MaKeda Scott, Member
Gary Simpson, Member
Gregory Snook, Member
Mario VillaSanta, Member
MDOT Staff Corey Stottlemeyer
MDOT Staff Tina Quinichette

Chairman James A. Calderwood called the meeting to order at 10:35 AM. Members discussed the opening of the Session of the Maryland General Assembly. The members reviewed the minutes. Ms. Petzold made the motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Snook seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

In a previous meeting, members asked about getting their own business cards. Mr. Stottlemeyer explained that MDOT will be changing their logo in the near future. He would like to wait for the logo to be set first before he puts in a request for business cards. Members were asked to e-mail him with information they would like on the card.

III. FASTLANE Update

Mr. Stottlemeyer updated members on the FASTLANE grants submitted in December. He mentioned that the letters were much appreciated. With the change of administration, MDOT is hoping to hear something from USDOT by July.

IV. Upcoming Tours

The Chairman asked Mr. Stottlemyer when the Commission would be able to take the Poplar Island tour. Mr. Stottlemyer said that he had come up with five possible dates in June, so he was going to send out two dates. He explained that everyone would meet at the Chesapeake Bay Bridge in a specific location and catch a boat for an hour long tour of the island. He added, for those who were not familiar with history of Poplar Island, that MDOT has received multiple awards for its restoration and preventing it from completely eroding into the Bay.

Mr. Stottlemyer mentioned the as-yet-unscheduled tour of BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport. The Chairman asked that the BWI tour be more in depth than the original plan to receive a briefing on how the Airport serves its business customers. Mr. Moore suggested that standards should be improved based on what recently happened in a Florida airport where people were shot and killed. Mr. Moore wanted to know how the shooter got a gun through security, and why the shooter was not on the watch list for his documented mental problems. The Chairman asked what security do they have at BWI in regards to gun registration. David Lasher added that he would like to have the Commission consider making a recommendation to the Secretary to upgrade the security at BWI.

Mr. Stottlemyer also mentioned that the March MTC meeting will be held at the CHART Operations Center.

V. Proposed Dedications

Chairman Calderwood introduced the following four dedications to the commission for consideration.

Access Road off MD Route 404 to the Neal Family

The Neal family requested this dedication on the basis of the Neal Family once owning the land before the State purchased the right of way on three parcels for \$1 each to build MD Route 404. They also attributed their land sale to the State as an economy booster due to businesses in Denton being utilized by people traveling through from the Western Shore to Ocean City via MD Route 404. Members discussed the implications of setting a precedent as this was a common practice in the 1950s and 1960s. Ms. Hill Leineweber made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snook, not to recommend the dedication. The motion carried unanimously, the Commission felt this was not in keeping with the policy guidance.

US Route 1 Kingsville Intersection to Edward D. “Doc” Sears

Mr. Sears was the former owner of the state-owned property where he opened the Kingsville Pharmacy in 1952. He was US Navy Corpsman who attended Pharmacy school after being honorably discharged. Kingsville Pharmacy was closed in 1987 and then demolished. It is still considered a landmark for the US Route 1 and Kingsville Intersection. Ms. Petzold made the motion to delay consideration of this dedication request until SHA has determined how it will reengineer the intersection. Mr. Moore seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Portion of MD Route 100 to Former County Executive Charles Ecker

Dr. Charles Ecker served as a County Executive in Howard County for eight years. He was responsible for moving the MD Route 100 project forward around a developed planned area. Mr. Littrell made the motion to recommend and Ms. Petzold seconded it. The motion was approved unanimously.

MD Route 140 Bridge over Monocacy River to US Army Spc. Eric Hayes

Spc. Hayes grew up in Thurmont and Harney, Maryland. He was killed in action on November 29th, 2004, in Miqdadiyah Iraq when an improvised bomb detonated near his military vehicle. Mr. Littrell

made the motion to recommend the dedication and Mr. Moore seconded it. The motion was approved unanimously.

VI. Adjournment

Members requested a briefing on the Nice Bridge and the “Road Kill” bills at a future meeting. Members also discussed concerns about school bus safety and the role of the State in developing safety requirements and guidance on bus routes at the local levels.

Hearing no other items of business, the Commission adjourned at 11:23AM until the next meeting on February 1, 2017 at MDOT HQ.